

#### BUSINESS IS NOT ALL OF LIFE ON THE FARM OR ELSEWHERE

(Written Specially for The Builetin.) ing to lay chief stress on its possibilities of profit. I have no doubt that this appeals to a majority of those insome farmers is the fact that such of the subject. But there are others. Don't let us forget them. (Written Specially for The Builetin.)

If I should suggests that one of the chief advantages of their calling to some farmers is the fact that such of them as don't want to be "business men" don't have to be would you think me 1 crank? or a lunatic? or just a plain everyday damphool?

Probably it would take a much better manager of the English language than I am to put my idea in such words that nobody would misunderstand it. Indeed, it may well be that a good many, if they understand it perfactly, will think that it is pure piffic.

Nevertheless, here goes:—

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Different people mean different things when they talk about "business." The dictionary gives half-adozen definitions to meet the varying uses of the word. But what the twentieth-century American world understands by "business" is the making of money.

A successful business man is one who has made much money. That's

who has made much money. That's the general explanation. If he carries two pockets stuffed with mortgages and has an awesome bank account and is in the habit of writing checks in five or more figures, then he is set down as as a successful business man. He has made good at what he started to do And nobody thinks a second time of the worries and the mental sweat and the sometimes rather dirty sweat and the sometimes rather dirty work by which he won out. But if he fails of bank account and mort-gages, if he is required to pay cash by prudent associates and has hard hunting for the said wherewithal,—why, then, 'he isn't a good business man,' -nd no one thinks a second time of his possible intergrity or his masefish generosity to others or his public-spirited citizenship. As a business man he ceases to count in our everyday catalogue, because he has failed in what we understand as the one aim and end of business,—money-getting.

it's that kind of business I'm talking about. There are some farmers,
—perhaps they aren't many in proportion, but I fancy they are more
numerous than some of us think—
who don't take to it, don't admire it. con't even think it ought to be their whief end in life.

Pm calling attention to the advantage they hold, as farmers. They needn't be "business-like" in this fashion if they don't want to be.

Of course, farming is a business in the original meaning of that word, i. s. the calling about which one busies himself. Equally of course, the farmer must sell his products for money, in order to get the money wherewith to pay for the supplies he must buy

Thus far, the vocation is no different, essentially, from any other business. It implies exchange of products for money: it demands consideration of proper values so that the farmer may get his crop's worth of money when he sells crops and his money's when he sells crops, and his money's worth of sugar or shoes when he buys ugar and shoes. That's about where

But that's where farming does not

Farming is not only a business, but it is also and much more importantly a Life.

And it is just as true, now, as it was nineteen hundred years ago, that the Life is more than meat and raiment,—or bank accounts.

I am not disposed to slang-whang the successful business man, just because he has amassed wealth. I am not disposed to sneer at the business farmer who follows his natural bent in seeking profit to his pocket as the principal end of farming. It takes all sorts to make a world and these do their part in the appointed order of things and are precessory to it. things and are necessary to it.
On the other hand, let us be willing to do justice to those who are not so much devotees of the dollar as serwants of their own souls.

It is customary in practically all that is written or talked about farm-

Honored in the Fatherland

London, February 8 .- The first tangible results of the efforts of the English committee for the celebration of the hundred years of peace between the English-speaking races, are found in the purchase of an option on Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washington family, and the securing of permission from the abbey authorities. to erect a statue of Washington in

others. Don't let us forget them. There are some to whom business seems more or less sordid,—a necessity, no doubt, but a disagreeable one, one to be endured as an affliction, not one to be snuggled up to as a sweetheart. There are those who actually find its grubbery and gradgrindery repulsive. For such, farming offers what is at once an asylum and a career. career.

The farmer who is fit for his feedom and worthy of its rewards is interested in something much more important than money. He is producing real things,—not conventional counters. He is making potatoes and cabbages which are worth more than money. If they are not, even to you, please tell me why you give your money for them, every day? About three times as much as they're really worth, too, if you live in town and buy them at the retail grocery! The farmer lives in the world of real values, not in that of artificially substituted tokens. He plays his game, not for celluloid poker-chips which must be exchanged for checks which must be exchanged for money which must be exchanged for apples before he can eat his ple, but for the apples themselves:—for the apples and the trees which sustains them and the daily sunlight and the seasonal rains which fructify them. seasonal rains which fructify them.

He works with the infinite universe and as part master of it. True, he must obey the planetary constitution, but he is under man-made laws of must obey the planetary constitution, but he is under man-made laws of bickering and dickering. He is under no compulsion to spend time or thought in the cozening of his fellows. He is engaged and preoccupied in the more appropriate and fitting task of flighting his deadly enemies, the Diabrottica vittata on his cucumbers and the Corvus Americana on his corn-fields. He is producing the real things which the world must have: not pinching unearned toil from the movement of its needs. He is earning the world's living, not collecting taxes on its income. He is constrained to follow no constricted and belittered alley of precedent or custom or legal fiction but may, if he will, march straight to his ends. His only antagonist—as well as his only ally—is the tremendous, all-enveloping, invincibly just as well as immutably pittless something which we call Nature.

The joy which comes from any victors over her, when she appears as open foe, is one which it requires all of man to gain and one which he has a man's right to glory in. The joy which comes from compelling her to serve even as temporary partner and ally is likewise one which takes all there is in a man to gain, and one in which he has the right to glory.

Now, this kind of talk isn't for every seem vague, foggy, lifeless. They will call it "transcendental" or some short-er and yet more contemptuous word. We are not all built alike, and con-cerning tastes there is no disputing. We won't have any quarrel over it.

Those who find genuine pleasure in the big ring of "business" before benches thronged with more or less admiring spectators are fitted for that sort of thing. But they are not the only, toads in the puddle. There are some who cannot share in their feeling, who even shrink from their methods and all that those methods imply ods and all that those methods imply. As we would not throw stones at the one sort, so let's avoid sneering at the other. There's room for the first in mills and stores and offices and banks: there's room for the other out in the farmlands where they can be as "unbusiness-like as they please without incurring a certain sentence to starvation.

I know farmers who have "made money,"—much money. They are proud of it, and I'm proud of them, More power to their elbows!

I also know farmers who have just made a living,—but, incidental thereto have made readers.

made a living,—but incidental thereto, have made gardens out of stumplots, meadows from one-time marshes, and homes on what had been barren hillsides. They have served their own pocket-books but ill, while they have served their country and the future well. I am proud of them, too.

There shall be cakes and ale for those who want such delectation; aye, and ginger shall be hot I their mouths, too. But for that reason let them not despise nor make nought of those who prefer curds and honey. There are banks of discount or deposit for some of us: there are white, curling snow-drifts for others, of us which, when they melt, shall uncoverbanks of purple violets and pink columbines.

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### NEW LONDON NEEDS MORE HOUSES

Recommendation of Committee After Investigation-Good Attendance Has Favored Night School-Mayor Mahan's Plan for Cheap and Good Ice - Many Will Attend Harbor Bill Hearing-Suit For Gambling Loss.

The committee of the New London Business Men's association that has made methodical investigation of the allegation that there is a scarcity of tenements in the city has reached the conclusion that there is not enough to supply the demand and advocate the building of houses that will be adequate to the demand. The claim is made that this scarcity of tenementa has a depressing effect upon the industrial progress not only in New London but in Groton as well. One of the most enterprising of the many enterprising manufacturing concerns declares that the conditions in that respect has serious effect upon business as it is impossible to materially increase the working force owing to the difficulty in securing suitable living accommodations.

The committee has gathered considerable valuable information on the subject and when this is whipped into shape for presentation to people who have the ways and means to furnish the required tenement houses, satisfying them that it will prove paying investment, that the buildings will be supplied. The kind most desired is of the cottage or double house type that can be rented for about \$20 a month or even \$25. If the present plans carry there will be a big and healthy boom in the house building line in the early spring.

The seventy-five nights of the present session of the evening school, required by state law will expire March 5, and the New London school will close on that date with fitting exercises. The average attendance has been one hundred, the largest ever and special interest has been manifested in the study of stenography, bookkeeping and German, new to the school. The first free evening school in the state of Connecticut was instituted in 1868, almost forty years before night schools became a legal necessity and compulsory upon the cities of the state. At the commencement the student body was composed in the main of young men, and some of middle-age, who were unable to attend the regular sessions of the day schools.

Then the pupils were nearly all native New Londoners but there were native New Londoners but there were no laws compelling school attendance up to specified age and among some of the pupils who at the age of twelve years were apprenticed to a trade for a term of seven years and under indenture papers at that. Now the greater part of the pupils are of foreign birth, some wholly unacquainted with the English tongue, but all intent in gaining all possible education not only in the reading, writing and spelling scheme, but in more advanced studies in the hope of leading them to true American citizenship the night school, is one of the city's most beneficial institutions.

if all the money-men were of the type of Merten F. Plant there would be less adverse criticism of those that are exceedingly rich and who, as a rule, are in a class all by their lone-some, and who only have in mind the some, and who only have in mind the good and welfare and comfort of themselves, who live by and for themselves. Not so with Mr. Plant. To say nothing of his many business holdings he gives employment to a small army of workmen at his big estate in Groton and, so it is said, much of the improvement is made in order to give employment even more than for the benefit of Mr. Plant. What he has done for the town of Groton and of East Lyme is well known as is also what he has done They will known as is also what he has done towards making possible the Connections short-ticut College for Women in New Lon-

Mayer Mahan's latest is for the city to go into the ice business like unto that before water is frozen, only that the ice should be sold to the people at cest while the water brings in big profit. The mayor proposes amendment to the city charter giving the city the authority to purchase ice-cutting machines erect ice houses and harvest ice on Lake Konomoc and available ponds. Getting the ice from the source of the regular water supply is guarantee of its purity and if the mayor's plan becomes operative the is guarantee of its purity and if the mayor's plan becomes operative the people can get ice at a low price and many poor people who have no ice at all in the warm summer time, except the small pieces that are picked up as they fall from the ice carts, will share the cool comforts with those who are richer and weigh more in the social scale. Whatever the mayor undertakes he usually accomplishes and his ice-furnishing scheme may not be an exception.

Next Thursday will see a large attendance at the hearing to be given at the state capitol by the committee on roads, rivers and bridges on the McNeill bill, introduced by Archie McNeill senator from Bridgeport, which seeks to repeal the \$1,000,000 appropriated at the last session of the legislature for the development of New London harbor as a terminal for steamships, thus giving to the state a port of importance that would be of general benefit to the whole state. While McNeill and the "Bridgeport gang" may frame up some goodsounding arguments in favor of the repeal bill, the people of the whole state know that the real cause is of a personal and purely political nature. This important measure was not railroaded though the 1911 session of the general assembly, but was adopted after long and careful investigation by the members.

When the bill making the appropriation was finally adopted, a commission was appointed to make farther investigation and not to make any expenditure until they were thoroughly satisfied that it would be a wise and judicious expenditure. Governor Baldwin is chairman of that commission which was also directed to carry on the work. This commission deliberated for more than a year, visited and examined the conditions at New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Providence, interviewed experts and finally decided that it was wise to expend the appropriation and the preliminary work was finally commenced and is now in progress under the direction of the commission. Under the conditions, it is believed that the committee will report unfavorably on the act to repeal and it is believed that the members of the assembly will in any event, vote against the repeal. in any event, vote against the repeal.
Connecticut is only doing what Massachusetts is doing for Boston. Rhode
Island for Providence, only one's on
not such a large scale.

It is entirely new to bring a suit of a civil nature under the gambling laws for as rule those that gamble are sports and not classed as squealers. Men sit in at the gambling table in expectation of winning money from other players and should his expectancy be reversed a true sport will take his medicine, resolve to try again to win or quit the game forever. Once in a great while a squealer has grieved over his losses and reported to the police and the gambling place reported raided and

Groton and of East Lyme is well known as is also what he has done towards making possible the Connecticut College for Women in New London.

In all his busy life he finds time to give consideration to the pleasure of the general public. He has assumed the practical ownership of the New London Baseball club, secured league franchise and purchased a baseball field, authorized the captain-manager of the team to get the best available players and put a winning league team in the contest for the pennant. As a result New London will be returned to baseballdom and the people here and hereabouts given opportunity to see the the glit-edge article. Mr. Plant is one of the real wealthy men who is deservedly popular with the whole people and none speak of him but in praise.

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It is new though for a civil suit brought under the gambling law, but such a one has been started in New London for a first time. It seems from the complaint filed that F. R. Bushnell, of Rochester, N. Y., sat in at a game of poker, or perhaps some other game, on Monday and Tuesday of the present week and was a loser, his loss being fixed at \$620. As a result George Bindloss, the alleged proprietor of a rambling place, has been sued for the recovery of the money that someone had won from the money that someone had won from the sum of the present week and was a loser, his loss being fixed at \$620. As a result George Bindloss, the alleged proprietor of a rambling place, has been sued for the recovery of the money that someone had won from the control of the present week and was a loser. This loss being fixed at \$620. As a result we have a sum of the proprietor of a rambling place, has been sued for the recovery of the money that someone had won from the control of the present week and the proprietor of a rambling place, has been sued for the recovery of the money that someone had won from the control of the present week and the proprietor of a rambling place in t

#### LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

#### **Tolland County** WILLINGTON

George V. Smith, editor of the Connecticut Farmer, attended the State Poultry, meeting in Hartford and lectured in New Britain Thursday night. Mrs. Smith accompanied him and made a little visit in New Haven.

George Cosgrove also attended the Poultry Association meeting, of which he is a former president.

State Civil Engineer Welden was a recent visitor of County State Road Inspector F. W. Pratt, and went over the roads in this vicinity with him in an automobile.

utomobile. Mrs. Samuel Bartlett has a severe

cold.

Miss Dunning has returned from New York. The New York papers note her sunshiny visits at the incorporated schools where she has been for long musical supervisor.

#### Washington County, R. 1. RICHMOND

Willard Memorial Day Observed by W. C. T. U.—Death of Abel Tanner.

Willard memorial day was observed by the Clark's Mills W. C. T. U. Feb. 17 with a meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Weaver. The exercises included singing, Nearer, My God to Thee, reading and prayer by the president, Mrs. Charles Dawley; roll call, responded to by quotations from Miss Willard. The president gave an outline talk regarding Miss Willard's work and the object of the meeting. Singing, Coming, Dear Leader, Mrs. Lottie Hoxie, Mrs. Charles Shepard, Mrs. Mattie Kenyon; reading, America's Great Women, Mrs. W. J. Dawley; poem, Her Wondrous Work Goes On, Mrs. James Meadowcroft; singing, We're for Home and Mother, Miss Edith Avery Miss Lottle Hillman, On, Mrs. James Meadowcroft; singing, We're for Home and Mother, Miss Edith Avery Miss Lottle Hillman, Miss Viola Holloway, Miss Sadle Flint; reading, Recollections of Frances William Hopkins; singing, The Temperance Train, members of the L. T. L.; poem, Frances Willard, Mrs. George Brown; singing, Some Glad Day, Mrs. Charles Shepard. After the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

News in General. George King of Holyoke, who has en the guest of his father, J. W. King, returned home Tuesday, Arthur Barber made a business trip Wakefield and Narragansett Pier

John W. P. Kine who was intered

by being thrown from his auto, is seriously ill at his home in Shannock.

The condition of Mrs. John Hoyle, who has been ill for several weeks, continues unfavorable.

Abel Tanner Dead.

The death of Abel Tanner formerly The death of Abel Tanner formerly of Richmond occurred Monday at his home in Wakefield after an illness of several months.

Mrs. George Holberton made a business trip to Wakefield Monday.

George Greene of Providence was the guest of his mother, Mrs. John Hoyle, Sunday.

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The final entertainment in the C. E. course at Ashaway was given Saturday evening by the Olympia quartette was the best of the series and called out the largest audience.

The cottage prayer meeting this The cottage prayer meeting this week Wednesday evening ted by Rev. E. P. Mathewson, was held at the home of William M. Lewis, of West

street, Ashaway.

Harold M. Lewis, who has been spending the winter in Florida, has returned to the home of his father, Deacon Roger W. Lewis.

Mrs. Harriet C. Kenyon is ill with a severe cold.

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Clifford E. Perrin is pushing his new building forward to completion.

#### USQUEPAUGH

Funeral of Mrs. Abbie Jane Cook-The Week's Happenings.

Richard Rafferty has returned to Usquepaugh, after a two weeks' visit with relatives in New York. Miss Clara Webster has returned from St. Joseph's hospital, where she went for a surgical operation two weeks are weeks ago.

Amos H. Kenyon of Pawtucket was at his home here over Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Tefft and daughter were visitors in this village Sunday.

Funeral of Mrs. Cook.

The funeral of Mrs. Abbie Jane Cook The filneral of Mrs. Abble Jane Cook was held in the church here Sunday, Rev. C. H. Palmer officiating, Mrs. Cook had been a member of this church for many years. She visited her brother, the late Joseph Bagley, when he was living here, every year, and was known by all the older residents. She was 78 were aid. She MATINEES Breed Theatre HOGH-CLASS

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died at the residence of her nephew, John B. Sheldon, of Providence. son, of Arcadia, visited over Sunday and Strange at Kingston Tuesday.

Charles Bagley was in the village Sunday and attended the funeral of its aunt, Mrs. Abbie Jane Cooke.

Mrs. Gideon Paimer Wednesday.

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